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Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsworthy Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

In Riverside it is proposed to put vagrants at work on the highways. Whether better roads will help the hobos to get away rather than to get into town remains to be seen.

There is no plant which responds to the rain with more quick and profitable returns than the street car plants. When bicycles have to be abandoned the street cars bulge with business.

The Alhambra is getting enthusiastic and say they expect to see electric cars running between that place and Los Angeles in about three months. Here's hoping they may not be disappointed.

One of the facts about weather prognosticators, which has been especially illustrated since the new year began, is that, like other mortals, their hind sight is much better than their fore-sight.

The fact that Azusa has been incorporated is already bearing fruit in attracting the attention of investors who are looking for business chances. It looks as if a healthy little boom is being born in the youthful city.

The veterans at the Soldiers' Home are having a battle with the grip, and large numbers are engaged. This kind of an engagement is one in which the courage of the soldier may help, but the doctors have to do most of the fighting.

If Judge York of Los Angeles had needed a precedent to decide that B. Duncan can be a citizen of Kentucky and an unwelcome member of the earth in California at the same time, he might have cited the instance of the Southern Pacific Railway Company.

Robert T. Lincoln, eldest son of Abraham Lincoln, arrived in his private car at Los Angeles last week via the Southern Pacific road. Mr. Lincoln is Chairman of the Executive Board of the Pullman Palace Car Company, which means that he is practically president of the corporation.

Frank Wiggins is getting indorsements all along the line for appointment as commissioner to the Paris Exposition in 1900. His success in managing the Los Angeles exhibit at Omaha, as well as his work in connection with the Chamber of Commerce, no doubt contributes to the general desire to have him go to Paris.

The "philosopher" of the Pasadena News observes: "I have noticed that the man who talks the most about what he would have done 'if he had been there,' is usually the last one to get there. I have seen a minister who could preach beautifully and pray in four octaves and still persist in letting his hens destroy his neighbor's garden."

Dr. Ruggles of Stockton, president of the State Board of Health, who went to Mojave to investigate reports of the prevalence of smallpox there, telegraphed to Dr. Matthews, secretary of the board, that there is no smallpox at Mojave. He says the Kern county Board of Health is on the alert, and will look out for any cases that may appear in that section.

Truly Ventura is high unto Paradise, the Signal says: "Ventura women are well bred, for they take off their hats at public gatherings. No matter how feathery, flowery, ribbon or picturesque the picture hat may be, off it comes when the curtain goes up, and then the short man in the rear seat gives a sigh of relief and blesses the pretty creature in front of him."

The outlook for the new steamship line between San Diego and Hongkong appears very encouraging. The reports indicate that there will be an abundance of freight for transportation both ways from the very beginning, and the number of vessels employed will undoubtedly be greater than first intended. The new line will be of material benefit to San Diego.

Among the California postmasters appointed were: Lizzie Stelzner, Del Mar, San Diego county; Mrs. Ella Burrows, El Modena, Orange county; John Coates, Hyde Park, Los Angeles county; James D. Wickenden, Los Alamos, Santa Barbara county; Francis W. Reynolds, Onyx, Kern county; Lizzie Shipsey, Plute, Kern county; Robert A. McGee, Semi-Tropic, Kern county.

In spite of the number of them arrested the hobos continue to be trouble-

some in San Diego. Really the most effective way of getting rid of them is that adopted by the young woman there whom one of them ordered to get him some lunch, and who leveled a revolver at him and told him to "git." Even a hobo knows that a revolver in the hands of a woman is a dangerous thing.

Country Life, an English illustrated weekly for December 17th, contains the third installment of an interesting article on the South Pasadena Ostrich Farm, by Mr. Cawston. Ostrich raising in Southern California is attracting much attention, not only throughout the East, but also in Europe. Mr. Cawston recently opened another branch farm in San Antonio, Texas, where the birds are doing well.

Riverside Press: New mines continue to be located in amazing numbers. The following locations were placed on record last Saturday and Monday: Black, Gold Park district, by C. P. Pinkham; New Year's, Hathaway mountains, by George Dehart; Big Time, New Year, Gulch and Tripp, Coahuilla district, by E. R. Stewart and George Diddock; Los Angeles, Oak Grove district, by Joseph Gyurkovics.

James Jeffries, the giant pugilist of Los Angeles, has issued a sweeping challenge to any and all fighters for a finish fight under any terms. He has placed himself under the management of William A. Brady, and has telegraphed him to accept any fight for which a cash deposit is made by the acceptor of his challenge. He says he is ready to go east at any moment for a fight, and is in constant training with Billy Delaney.

A dispatch from Washington, D. C., makes the announcement that the California friends of Gen. O. H. Langrange, at one time an official in the San Francisco Mint, are moving to have him made governor of the Soldiers' Home at Santa Monica to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Colonel Smith, which resignation takes effect in March. It is said that strong letters are being sent in from G. A. R. men in this State.

The San Diego Chamber of Commerce is arranging for a big banquet to be given probably January 25th, in honor of the inauguration of the California and Oriental Steamship line. The affair will be given at Hotel del Coronado just before the first steamship, the Belgian King, sails for Hongkong. This steamer, it is thought, will arrive at San Diego about January 19th. She will sail for Japan and China February 1st. Invitations will be sent out to the business men and officials of Los Angeles and other Southern California towns.

The Chino Champion, though not a fool, rushes in where angels fear to tread, raises the question: "Who is entitled to the credit for the recent rain?" It says: "The Catholic church prayed for it on Wednesday of last week while the Protestant churches prayed for it on last Sunday. If it was due to Protestant prayers, it came very quickly; while if the rain dispenser goes on the principle of first heard first served, then it was probably a Catholic rain. Meantime, however, the rain fell on the unjust as well as on the just, and everybody is happy over it."

No class of people in the United States are more directly interested in the construction of the Nicaragua canal than the fruit-growers of Southern California. F. H. Dohrman, president of the Merchants' Association of San Francisco, who returned recently from a trip through Europe, where he investigated the market for California fruit, expresses most sanguine opinions as to the importance of the canal to our fruit growers. He says that, with fruit at a moderate price, Germany alone could easily take all the spare California fruit now in sight, and all we can raise in the next ten years. Then, beside Germany, there is the rapidly growing demand from the Scandinavian countries, and northern Russia. If the fruit-growers of Southern California are wise they will leave no stone unturned in pushing the construction of the Nicaragua Canal.

The case of Frank Duval, the Nordhoff barber, who ran amuck in the lower part of Ventura with a revolver several days ago, and was sentenced to eighty days in jail by Justice Boling, is destined to prove of more than passing interest, and the name of the miserable drunkard may yet be quoted in connection with a celebrated action at law. Political reasons have brought to Duval's help the legal ingenuity of Judge W. E. Shepherd, who has commenced habeas corpus proceedings for the release of his client. In arguing the case Judge Shepherd will contend that Justice Boling has no legal right to the office of Justice of the Peace, as the law plainly states that no township with less than 4000 people is entitled to more than one justice. Should Judge Shepherd's argument prove successful, every township in the county will be affected, and many other counties in the state will feel the result of the decision. The law as quoted applies with equal force to constables.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Botted Down to Suit our Easy Readers.

The steamer Mariposa, which has arrived, brought \$2,500,000 worth of English sovereigns for local and New York banks.

The gunboat Yorktown has sailed for Manila. She will replenish her coal at Honolulu and then go on to Guam before proceeding to Manila.

Gold found on Gold Run, a tributary of Dominion Creek, ran 67 cents to the pan at last reports, brought in by the latest arrival at Seattle, R. W. McCoy.

Perhaps the practice of sending poisoned candy through the mails, which was fast becoming general, will not be quite so popular since Mrs. Botkin has been found guilty.

Joe Mulhatton is reported to be engaged in mining in Arizona. Joe has been silent so long that it is presumable that he is preparing the greatest effort of his life in the way of a picturesque and monumental lie.

Mr. Arnerch has introduced a bill to appropriate \$10,000 for the purpose of sending a man to Australia to import "parasites and predacious insects." This sum ought to procure a pretty liberal supply of very choice bugs.

The prospect of sudden wealth so overjoyed Mrs. Caroline A. Bigelow of Oakland that it brought on an attack of heart trouble which proved fatal a few hours later. She was apparently in the best of health when her husband opened a sack of gold dust and nuggets to show her. A few seconds later she swooned away and remained unconscious until her death. She was 62 years old.

According to the Poenix (Ariz.) Gazette the editor of the Tombstone Prospector is in a great pickle. He was the recipient of a Christmas present, and he don't know whether it is a pair of shoulder braces or a harness for his pug dog for fear the donor will be offended, and he doesn't dare put them on himself for fear he will be laughed at. He is hoping the giver will soon explain the use of the darn thing.

The State Highway Commissioners has filed a voluminous report with the governor, in which the road system of the state is severely criticised and shown to be wasteful. The report concludes with an elaborate table in detail setting forth what each county of California has expended on roads and bridges from 1886 to the close of the fiscal year 1897. The totals are: For 1886-95, \$16,829,915.35; in 1895-96, \$1,877,121.35; in 1896-97, \$1,789,122.91. Total, \$20,383,447.89.

Deila McDevitt of San Francisco, who for five days believed herself to be Mrs. John Smith, swore out a warrant for the arrest of the man she had married, on the charge of bigamy. She said Smith told her he had been recently divorced from his wife, who was in the East, so that he could not marry in California within a year. Therefore they went to Reno and were married January 5. On Tuesday the first wife arrived from the East. She quickly learned about the marriage, and she called on her successor. She said that her name prior to marriage was Nellie Herberston. She declared that she had not permanently separated from her husband, and that there had been no divorce. Smith disappeared soon after his first wife's arrival, and Miss McDevitt thinks that he and his original wife have departed from California.

Commissioner Hermann of the General Land Office has recommended to the secretary of the Interior that 50,000 acres additional be included in the Trabuco canyon forest reserve in Southern California, and adjoining said reservation on the south. This is in accordance with a numerous signed petition by citizens of California residing in the vicinity of the reservation. It is the water head for several streams of importance flowing toward the coast, which are valuable for irrigation and other uses. The owners of land along these water courses have joined in the petition. The superintendent of forests in California also recommends that a proclamation be issued withdrawing said area from the public domain. Another area of about 10,000 acres, in addition to the 50,000 tract also has been recommended for this purpose, making an aggregate of 120,000 acres for this reservation.

The Executive Committee of the Nicaragua Canal Association has selected as delegate to Washington in

the interest of the canal, H. P. Wood of San Diego. Mr. Wood made a careful study of the canal in person, having spent six months in traversing the line of the canal from ocean to ocean. He is a friend of Senator Morgan, the leader of the canal movement at Washington, and has been filling the post of Hawaiian consul at San Diego. He has large interests in the Hawaiian Islands, as well as this country, and the committee believes he is an especially strong man for the place. He will make no demand on the treasury of his actual expenses at Washington, he being willing to give his time without pay. Later it is expected to send him assistance in the work he will have in hand and he will undoubtedly receive assistance from Congressman-elect R. J. Waters, and the Congressmen from this state, all of whom are in favor of the canal.

The San Jose Mercury speaks to the point in the following: "California has done much during the past six or eight years to advertise its soil productions, but the vast possibilities of wealth that still remain in its mines, both developed and undeveloped, have been given insufficient attention. The fact that tens of thousands of people have taken the perilous journey to the inhospitable Klondike, and that millions have been expended in the aggregate in the risky venture speaks more forcibly than mere words of the eagerness with which the average person will grasp at every prospect that may be presented of obtaining gold direct from the earth in preference to acquiring it by the more tedious process of labor in other channels or through the agency of more ordinary enterprises. There is no State in the Union whose mineral resources are so extensive, and, considering the fascination that mining has for capital, it would be a wise policy for California to advertise those resources extensively and liberally. The wealth that comes from the mines of the State aids in building up its cities, towns and agricultural districts in stimulating business, and in making money more plentiful."

FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

The admiralty has placed orders for two battleships of the class of 14,000 tons each, at a cost of £1,000,000, with the Thames Iron Works and Shipbuilding Company, Limited.

The Turks are trying to capture Sasbeh, the headquarters of an important insurgent leader. The rebellion against the Turkish rule is spreading in Yamen, and troops are deserting.

Manila refugees to Hong Kong say that if the American troops are landed at Iloilo it will be a signal for war. Aguinaldo's troops, eager to attack Manila, surround the city, placarding its suburbs "Independence or Death."

M. Emil Zola, the author, has been sentenced to pay a fine of 100 francs, and 500 francs damages for accusing M. Judet, a writer of the Petit Journal, of using forged documents in attacking M. Zola's father. M. Judet claimed 10,000 francs damages.

A dispatch to the World from Rome says: The report that Monsignor Ireland, the archbishop of St. Paul, is to be nominated papal nuncio in the Philippines is absolutely contradicted at the Vatican. There is no intention of instituting a nuncio there in the Philippines.

The Liberte quotes "a person closely connected with the Court of Cassation," as saying that the inquiry into the Dreyfus case is about finished, that a decision may be expected early in February, and that it will be almost unanimously favorable to a revision of the trial.

The Admiralty Court found that La Bourgogne of the French line, was alone to blame for the collision with the British ship Cromartyshire on July 4th, last, near Sable Island, off the coast of Nova Scotia, resulting in the sinking of the steamer and the loss of over 500 lives.

The Dutch steamer Rotterdam, which arrived at New York from Rotterdam, reports that during the embarkation of passengers the police authorities made a search for Count Walin Esterhazy, who is said to be stopping in a hotel at Rotterdam, trying to escape to America.

Cable advices from Lima, Peru, received from Gen. Rivadenera, in command of the insurgent forces in Ecuador, say: "I am with a victorious army at Ibarra (fifty miles northeast of Quito). The forces of Alfaro (President of Ecuador) tried to retake the town, but were defeated, and I am now about to pursue him."

The Viceroy of Nankin, Lion Koun Yi, has memorialized the throne, says a Peking dispatch, recommending the training of proper military officials, and the discarding of ancient weapons and drills in favor of modern methods. As a result an edict has been issued severely criticising the memorial and censuring the presumption of the Viceroy.

MINES AND MINING.

VALUABLE COPPER MINES IN ARIZONA THAT COST STOCKHOLDERS DEARLY.

A dispatch to the New York Times from Gloucester, Mass., says:

A copper boom that burst in Clifton, Graham county, Ariz., has caused a loss of \$250,000 to the stockholders in this city. About fifteen years ago a company was formed here to work nine claims in Clifton. The mines were examined by a committee of local men and experts who reported that they were fabulously rich, and the stock was eagerly subscribed, many of the stockholders taking as large blocks as \$30,000.

After a while dissensions crept into the company and two factions sprang up among the stockholders. Under the mining laws of Arizona to hold a claim it must be worked to the amount of \$100 each year. Last year when the call for assessments to hold the property was made, but one stockholder responded. He put up enough money to hold three claims and the remaining six claims were allowed to lapse and were jumped by Arizona miners. This year the remaining three claims were allowed to lapse and were jumped by Arizona miners. This is the end of the \$250,000 subscribed by the stockholders. The mines are said to be profitable if worked, and dissensions among the stockholders is given as the cause of the collapse of the venture.

PRECIOUS METAL PRODUCTION.

The Year's Combined Production of the Metals Named the Greatest in the World's History.

John J. Valentine, president of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, has issued the usual annual statement on the production of precious metals in the states and territories west of the Missouri river, including British Columbia and Northwest Territory, for the year 1898. The aggregate values are shown as follows: Gold, \$78,461,202; silver, \$39,016,565; copper, \$46,200,648; lead, \$13,344,251; total gross results, \$177,022,666. The commercial value at which the several metals named have been estimated is:

Silver, 58 cents per ounce; copper, 12 cents per pound, and lead \$3.65 per hundred.

Classified, the production of gold dust and bullion in the several States and Territories, based on shipments handled by the express company and other conveyances, is shown as follows:

Source—	Value.
California	\$15,402,653
Nevada	2,799,785
Oregon	2,172,369
Washington	320,594
Alaska	3,253,991
Idaho	2,487,000
Montana	4,630,050
Utah	2,168,280
Colorado	23,177,262
New Mexico	304,866
Arizona	3,167,625
Dakota	6,575,220
Texas	5,250
Wyoming	21,225
British Columbia and Northwest Territory	11,975,000

Total

The production of gold, silver, copper and lead in the several States and Territories during 1898 was divided as follows:

Source—	Value.
California	\$18,106,351
Nevada	3,595,542
Oregon	2,215,119
Washington	457,596
Alaska	3,321,491
Idaho	11,648,205
Montana	43,898,080
Utah	10,481,888
Colorado	41,316,644
New Mexico	1,704,866
Arizona	15,575,820
Dakota	6,704,420
Texas	281,100
Wyoming	52,275
British Columbia and Northwest Territory	17,663,200

Total

The year's combined production of the metals named is the greatest in the history of the countries—United States of America and British Columbia and Northwest Territory—that of gold, \$78,461,202, being above any previous record officially reported, and the world's output of gold for 1898—approximately \$280,000,000—is amazing. The most notable increases have been in South Africa, \$25,000,000; the British possessions of the Northwest, \$6,000,000; Australasia, \$6,000,000, and the United States of America \$3,000,000.

The exports of silver during 1898 to Japan, China and Straits settlements were as follows:

From London, \$27,404,623; from San Francisco, \$5,217,400, making a total of \$32,622,023. The total for 1897 was \$48,412,009.

Uncle Sam lived up to destiny in 1898, but there were times when it was necessary to be spry, remarks the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.